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**Garrard County Economic Development Director Nathan Mick
Judge/Executive John Wilson and the Garrard County Fiscal Court
Mayor Brenda Powers and the Lancaster City Council
State Representative Lonnie Napier and State Senator Tom Buford
the Garrard County Chamber of Commerce, the Garrard County Public Library
invite you to
“HONOR OUR VETERANS”
with United States Congressman Brett Guthrie
Mr. Jan Scruggs, President of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund in Washington, DC
and local Veterans as our Guests of Honor.**

**Monday, April 30, 2012 at 11AM
Garrard County Justice Center Plaza
54 Stanford Street
Lancaster, Kentucky**

Music by the Garrard County High School Band.

Refreshments provided by Farmers National Bank will be served following the event.

Open to the Public. Everyone is welcome.

FEATURED DISPLAY: The *Wall that Heals Traveling Exhibit and Museum* is scheduled to be on display, free and open to the public in conjunction with this event and located on Lancaster’s Public Square in front of the Garrard County Courthouse.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 17, 2012

Contact: Lee Allen Phone: (202) 393-0090, ext. 109
or Nathan Mick (local contact and event organizer at
859.339.1414)

NEVER FORGOTTEN: 665 Photos of Kentucky's Vietnam War Heroes Still Needed

**Officials to Issue "Call for Photos" and Honor our Veterans During 11AM Event at the
Garrard County Justice Center on Monday, April 30, 2012**

WASHINGTON, DC, April 17, 2012 – Kentucky sustained heavy losses during the Vietnam War and the names of 1,057 service members killed in action are etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The mission to honor these heroes continues with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's (VVMF) National "Call for Photos" initiative and the goal of collecting photos of the more than 58,000 service members inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, commonly referred to as The Wall, in Washington, DC. When collected, all photos will be displayed for generations to come at The Education Center at The Wall, a place on our National Mall where our military heroes' stories and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

On Monday, April 30 at 11AM, VVMF's Founder and President Jan Scruggs will join U.S. Rep. Brett Guthrie, State Rep. Lonnie Napier and State Sen. Tom Buford and local officials to honor local veterans and continue the Call For Photos initiative.

When: April 30, 2012

Time: 11 a.m.

Where: Garrard County Justice Center, 54 Stanford St., Lancaster, KY, 40444

Event organizer and Garrard County Economic Development Director Nathan Mick said, "This event provides a special opportunity for our community to honor our local veterans and pay our respects to all service men and women who have served and continue to serve our country at home and abroad. We look forward to Congressman Guthrie and Jan Scruggs joining us in Garrard County to recognize the important service and sacrifice of our Veterans and Active Duty service members."

Congressman Guthrie graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served as a Field Artillery Officer in the 101st Airborne Division - Air Assault at Fort Campbell.

Scruggs was a wounded and decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, having served in the 199th Light Infantry Brigade of the U.S. Army. He felt a memorial would serve as a healing device for a different kind of wound—that inflicted on our national psyche by the long and controversial Asian war. Scruggs launched the effort with \$2,800 of his own money and gradually gained the support of other Vietnam veterans in persuading Congress to

provide a prominent location on federal government property somewhere in Washington, D.C. After a difficult struggle, Congress responded, and the site chosen was on the National Mall near the Lincoln Memorial.

Nathan Mick and Jan Scruggs have been friends for over a decade and worked on many veterans initiatives in Washington, DC when Mick served as Deputy Chief of Staff to Vietnam Veteran and United States Senator Chuck Hagel. Mick and Scruggs also traveled to Vietnam together in 2003 to work on a land mine removal project. “I called Jan and invited him to Garrard County since the Traveling Vietnam Wall will be in Richmond at Eastern Kentucky University April 25-29. Jan is thrilled to join Congressman Guthrie and connect with our local veterans at our tribute event in Garrard County on April 30, Mick said.”

Mick continued, “The *Wall that Heals Traveling Exhibit and Museum* is also scheduled to be on display, free and open to the public located on Lancaster’s Public Square in front of the Garrard County Courthouse in the morning on Monday, April 30 and in conjunction with our Garrard County event to honor our veterans.”

When emptied, the 53-foot trailer that carries *The Wall That Heals* exhibition from town to town becomes a mobile museum. The exterior sides of the trailer open to reveal information cases displaying photos of service members whose names are found on The Wall and letters left at the Memorial as remembrances. The information cases also feature memorabilia, which tells the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall and the era surrounding the conflict, as well as computers to help locate names on The Wall. The Museum also includes a map of Vietnam and a chronological overview of the conflict in Vietnam. The Museum helps many visitors, particularly students, to put American experiences in Vietnam in a historical and cultural context.

The April 30 event in Garrard County, including the “Call for Photos”, helps contribute to the mission of the Education Center to be built underground at the Vietnam Wall in Washington, DC. “The Education Center at The Wall will allow us all to put faces with the names of brave men and women who lost their lives in Vietnam, fostering their appreciation and respect for generations to come,” said Scruggs.

With the support of schools, volunteers, friends and family members nationwide, VVMF has collected more than 25,000 pictures to date, including 392 from Kentucky. The task, however, is far from complete. Generous support is still needed to gather the remaining 665 photos necessary to honor our Kentucky heroes at The Education Center.

With a groundbreaking planned for November 2012, The Education Center at The Wall is a multi-million dollar, state-of-the-art visitor’s center and learning facility to be built on the grounds of the Vietnam Veterans and the Lincoln Memorials. Visitors will better understand the profound impact the Vietnam War had their friends and family members, their home towns, and the Nation. The Education Center will feature the faces and stories of the 58,272 men and women on “The Wall,” honoring those who fell in Vietnam, those who fought and returned, as well as the friends and families of all who served. For more information, visit www.buildthecenter.org.

VVMF urges all Kentuckians to assist the National Call for Photos by submitting photographs of fallen service-members and generously supporting the Education Center, ensuring that the sacrifices of our military heroes are never forgotten.

How to Submit a Photo

If you have a picture of a loved one or fellow veteran whose name is on The Wall, please help the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund honor these individuals by putting a face with their name. You may use either of the following methods to submit your photograph:

Submit Online

If you have a digital copy of the photograph, you can upload the photograph at http://vvmf.org/submit_other.

Mail a copy of your photograph

Make a copy of your photo. VVMF does not want original photos and cannot be responsible for returning photos. Make it the highest quality possible, use a glossy finish and reproduce the photo at an 8 x 10 size, if possible. Be sure to include the photo submission form, and please indicate on the front of the envelope that a photo is enclosed. Mail to:

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
Attn: Call for Photos
2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Suite 104
Washington, D.C. 20037

For more information about how to add a photograph to the collection, please contact VVMF at (202) 393-0090 or via email at gpojani@vvmf.org.

About VVMF and the Education Center at the Wall

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at the Garrard County Justice Center on April 30, 2012**

WHAT: Call for Photos Press Event

WHEN: Monday, April 30, 2012 at 11 A.M.

WHERE: Garrard County Justice Center, 54 Stanford St., Lancaster, KY, 40444

EVENT: Local officials, veteran groups and the general public will join with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) in its mission to honor the more than 58,000 service-members inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, DC. VVMF will kick off the Call for Photos – a combined campaign to gather photographs and stories of the Kentucky’s fallen heroes.

Special guests for the event include: Jan C. Scruggs, Founder and President of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund U.S. Rep. Brett Guthrie, State Rep. Lonnie Napier and State Sen. Tom Buford.

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JAN C. SCRUGGS

Founder and President, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

In 1979, Jan Scruggs conceived the idea of building the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., as a tribute to all who served during one of the longest wars in American history. Today, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is among the most visited memorials in the nation's capital.

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After the completion of the Memorial, Scruggs, along with author Joel L. Swerdlow, put to paper *To Heal a Nation*—the moving story of Scruggs' efforts to build The Wall. In May 1988, it became an "NBC Movie of the Week."

Scruggs continues to lead VVMF as it enters a new phase in its mission to remember those who sacrificed in Vietnam: building the Education Center at The Wall. The Education Center will show the photos and tell the stories of those who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War, as well as celebrate the values embodied by American service members in all of our nation's wars.

He has appeared on 60 Minutes, Nightline, Good Morning America and The Today Show as well as C-SPAN, CNN and FOX. He has written opinion articles for *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Times* and other national and regional publications. A national speaker and author, Scruggs has written articles on a wide range of topics, including the Civil War and the battle of Gettysburg.

Scruggs is a native of Washington, D.C., and grew up in Bowie, Md. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from American University in Washington, D.C., and his law degree from the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

Congressman Brett Guthrie Biography

Congressman Brett Guthrie represents Kentucky's Second Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Second District is home to Fort Knox, Abraham Lincoln's birthplace, Mammoth Cave National Park, and many of the Commonwealth's most treasured locations.

Congressman Guthrie serves on the House Energy and Commerce (E&C) Committee for the 112th Congress. E&C is the oldest standing legislative committee in the House with broad jurisdiction over our nation's energy, healthcare, telecommunications and consumer product safety policies.

Guthrie also serves on the following subcommittees for E&C: Subcommittee on Health; Subcommittee on Communications and Technology; and Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade.

Recognized for his proven leadership, he was also appointed to serve as an Assistant Whip within the Republican Conference.

During his tenure in Congress, Guthrie previously served on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Education and Labor Committee, where he was named the top Republican on the Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness Subcommittee.

Guthrie graduated in 1987 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, with a degree in economics and went on to serve as a Field Artillery Officer in the 101st Airborne Division - Air Assault at Fort Campbell. Guthrie later earned a Master's Degree from Yale University in Public and Private Management.

Congressman Guthrie comes from a small business, manufacturing background. Following his military service, he joined Trace Die Cast, the Bowling Green, Ky., based manufacturing business that was started by his father.

First elected to public office in 1998, Guthrie represented the 32nd District in the Kentucky Senate. In Frankfort, he served on the Education Committee, the Economic Development, Tourism and Labor Committee, and chaired the Transportation Committee.

Married to the former Beth Clemmons, they have three children, Caroline, Robby and Elizabeth.